

**REMARKS**

A statement that the present application is the National Stage of International Application No. PCT/EP2004/003110 has been added immediately after the TITLE.

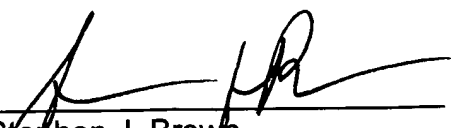
Claim 10 has been amended to remove alternative language and to remove the multiple dependency to better conform to U.S. practice. These amendments do not change the scope of the claim in any way.

Claim 13 has been added. Support for this claim is found in the specification at, for example, page 2, lines 27 - page 3, lines 10; in Examples 1-3; and in Original claim 11. See, *In re Gardner*, 177 USPQ 396, 397 (CCPA 1973) and MPEP §§ 608.01(o) and (I).

It is submitted that no new matter has been introduced by the foregoing amendments. Approval and entry of the amendments is respectfully solicited.

Favorable action on the merits including entry of the Preliminary Amendment prior to examination on the merits and allowance of all the claims, respectfully, is requested. If the Examiner has any questions regarding this paper, please contact the undersigned attorney.

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